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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Bhashyam Ramesh, et al.

Serial No.: **10/661,245**

Filed: **September 12, 2003**

For: **Clustering Strings Using N-Grams**

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Examiner: **Jean M. Corrielus**

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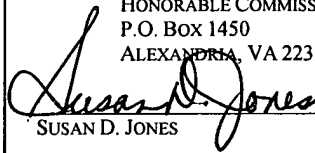
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The Examiner specified a three-month shortened statutory period, so this Response is due by January 20, 2006. A Notice of Extension of Time for one month is enclosed extending the period for reply to February 20, 2006, which was a holiday for the USPTO. This Response is filed on the first business day after February 20, 2006. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the “Listing of Claims” which begins on page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.